

Board Agenda Item  
July 13, 2016

**PRESENTATION**

P-1 Introduction of Summer Interns

## 2016 Summer Interns

### Green Spring Gardens 2016 Interns

**Felipe Mesa-Morales**  
**College of William and Mary**  
**Biology/Public Health Major**  
**Virginia Native Plant Garden Intern**

Felipe Mesa-Morales is a rising senior at the College of William and Mary with a plan to graduate with a dual major of biology and public health. He was fortunate enough to be offered this internship funded by the Virginia Native Plant Society, and he would like to thank them for this opportunity; he can use this opportunity to gain valuable experience for my major. Felipe's goal is to apply his knowledge of plant biology, environmental factors, and ecological factors (such as competition and grazing) to the native garden at Green Springs.

Previous research that he has conducted was with plant competition with the absence of mycorrhizae. He focused on Little Blue Stem, Big Blue Stem, Side Oats Grama, and Rye. It was interesting watching how the absence of this symbiotic fungi harmed Little Blue Stem and Side Oats Grama, and witnessing plant competition in a controlled environment. On his first day at Green Spring Gardens, he could already apply the knowledge gained from my research when he noticed a bag of mycorrhizae in the garage and Big Blue Stem in the garden. It was kind of neat seeing these in a wilder environment, especially after studying them in a lab. He hopes to further learn about native plants, local invasive species, and their effects on one another.

**Suzannah Richards**  
**Old Dominion University**  
**Ocean and Earth Science Major**  
**White Gardens Intern**

After the summer of 2016 Suzannah will be entering her senior year as an undergraduate at Old Dominion University. She will be attaining a Bachelor's of Science in Ocean and Earth Science with a concentration in geology along with a certificate in GIS (geographic information systems) to compliment my degree. This past summer, she was lucky enough to join the Green Springs Garden team as one of the horticultural interns. Her intern title 'White Gardens Intern' refers not to Green Springs Garden but to another, nearby garden several miles down the road from Green Spring Gardens. Not too long ago, White Gardens was a residence to John C. and Margret White, and within the past few years was sold to the FCPA. White Gardens is currently in the planning and development stages of one day becoming a small, visitor-friendly garden for residents of Fairfax and surrounding areas. Suzannah's goal as an intern for White Gardens is to identify, record, and map through ArcGIS the magnificent rhododendron, camellia and azalea collections at the gardens. By the end of summer, she has hoped to have achieved this goal, and in the process, gain GIS experience outside the classroom and learn more about the other plant varieties on the property. Working at Green Springs indoors on ArcGIS and outside collecting data at White

Gardens has been a wonderful and invaluable experience. Her superiors have been patient and kind, and the work itself stimulating. Every day she commutes back and forth from Fredericksburg where she lives, to Green Springs Gardens, and every day it's worth it! She thanks the Friends of White Gardens and Green Springs Gardens for this opportunity!

**Pamela Bushey**

**Northern Virginia Community College**

**Landscape Design and Horticulture Tech Programs**

**Horticulture Intern**

Pam is interning in the horticulture section at Green Spring Gardens and is new to the horticulture field. She has an associate's degree from Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) in Animal Sciences and worked as a licensed veterinary technician for 8 years. She is looking to change professions and is currently enrolled in the Horticulture program at NVCC. She has just finished the landscape design program and will finish the Horticulture Tech program this spring. Prior to Green Spring Gardens, she interned at Woodberry Forest in Orange VA and was part of their grounds crew.

Pamela is looking to expand her knowledge of plants and all things horticulture, gain experience and hopefully find a new career.

**Emily Milligan**

**Pennsylvania State University**

**Environmental Science Major**

**Children's Education Intern**

Emily is a student at the Pennsylvania State University majoring in Environmental Science. After graduation, she hopes to attend law school to practice Environmental law. As a Virginia native, she was thrilled to be offered a position that was close to home and allowed me to be surrounded by all the beauty that encompasses Green Spring Gardens. She is so lucky to be able to spend my summer helping children learn about all the wonders of the environment. Through my experience as Children's Education Intern at Green Spring, she has seen the large amount of work and effort that goes into creating fun and inspiring learning experiences for the children coming into the gardens. She has been able to see the rewards of this work through the fascination and wonder expressed by the kids. Emily is honored to have been awarded the opportunity of working alongside such positive, dedicated, and creative people.

**Laura Stange**

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

**Environmental Horticulture Major, Viticulture and Entomology Minor**

**Horticulture Intern**

As a plant enthusiast, Laura considers herself very lucky to have the chance to study horticulture in a place where it thrives, at Green Spring Gardens. Since switching my major from Biology to Environmental Horticulture the first semester of freshman year, she has been on the fast track to learning everything she can about plants and the environment. At Green Spring Gardens, she is involved in a variety of skills that have to do with gardening,

propagation, education, and the art of arranging plants in such a way that makes people feel connected to nature. Laura is thirsty to learn as much as she can, and looks forward to every single class she is fortunate enough to take at Virginia Tech. She is also quite interested in entomology, and the positive and negative effects insects can have on plant and human health, diseases, and the food supply. In the future, Laura can easily see herself owning and operating a plant nursery. She is learning to love every aspect of a career in horticulture more and more with each passing day.

**Greta Lohe\***

**George Mason University**

**History Master's Degree program**

**Historic Resources Intern**

Greta is beginning her second and final year of a Master's program in Applied History at George Mason University. After finishing her Master's degree, she hopes to continue on and complete my doctorate, find work at a museum or historic site, and eventually teach history at the college level. She has recently relocated to Fairfax County from the Indianapolis, Indiana, area and has enjoyed getting to visit all of the wonderful museums, historic sites, and parks that Fairfax County has to offer. After working as an Intern at Sully Historic Site this past winter, she is excited to be serving at a Fairfax County Park Authority site once again. As an Intern at Green Spring Gardens, Greta has been involved in revising the existing research filing system, assisting with public programs, and completing research in order to develop a new interpretive program for the historic house.

As a student of Early American history, she has enjoyed the chance to learn about the intricacies of a historic home built in 1784 and about the people who inhabited it during the Early American Republic period. She has also appreciated the chance to learn about the later period in Green Spring's history (as it is outside of my normal field of study) through the stories of residents such as Fountain and Anne Beattie, Minnie Whitesell, and Michael and Belinda Straight. As a historian, it is a real treat to be able to study a single area or home over an extended period of time, as it allows one to track change over time. Green Spring Gardens not only serves as a wonderful example for this type of study in regards to the house itself, but also provides a glimpse into how this portion of Fairfax County has changed and grown throughout the years. Greta is honored to have this opportunity at Green Spring Gardens to learn and grow as a scholar, public historian, and resident of Fairfax County.

**Erica Hess**

**Virginia Tech**

**Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise Major**

**Farmers Market SNAP Intern**

Erica is a rising senior at Virginia Tech. She is studying, and after graduating plans to continue her education by completing a dietetic internship and becoming a Registered Dietitian. This summer, she has been fortunate to gain an internship at Green Spring Gardens working with the Fairfax County Farmers Markets to promote the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Access Program) at Market program. This internship has been an

amazing opportunity for me to work with my local community and help to provide access to fresh, local and nutritious produce to low-income families and individuals. Being able to work with Chelsea Roseberry, the Farmers Market Program Coordinator, has been a wonderful experience and she is looking forward to all of the opportunities this summer will bring.

### **Huntley Meadows 2016 Interns**

#### **Jessica Quinta**

##### **George Mason University**

##### **B.S. Environmental and Conservation Biology**

Jessica is a recent graduate from George Mason University, where she studied Biology with a concentration in Environmental and Conservation Biology, with an additional minor in Psychology, and has been working at Huntley Meadows Park as a Resource Naturalist Intern for around three months. Growing up, she never really had much exposure to the ideas and values encompassed within the paradigm of 'conservation' and was astonished the first day she stepped into an ecology class. After exploring the vast field of ecology and evolution, Jessica has decided to pursue restoration ecology as a subject of study at the graduate level. Huntley Meadows Park is a fantastic model of the challenges and obstacles faced when attempting to restore and maintain a habitat that is constantly stretched thin under the pressures of being surrounded by a greater urban expanse. She has gained invaluable knowledge and practical experience necessary to move forward to graduate school, and is very thankful for this opportunity!

#### **Max Ferlauto, Virginia Native Plant Intern (Huntley Meadows)**

##### **Juniata College**

##### **Bachelor of Science, Ecology**

Max Ferlauto just finished his first year at Juniata College. He has always been interested in plants. He took a gap year last year to become a Master Gardener and volunteer with the Virginia Native Plant Society. He also worked at Huntley Meadows on its herbarium with Karla Jamir. Max got to know a few of the plant experts in Northern Virginia. They recommended that he apply for this internship. Max is very excited to be spending the summer working at such an important area. He hopes to strengthen his plant identification skills, especially with sedges, and learn how to manage a park of this size.

#### **Greg Campbell-Cohen\***

##### **University of Edinburgh**

##### **History & Politics**

Greg is a Master of Arts student at the University of Edinburgh, earning an Honors degree in History and Politics. He is the Historic Interpretation Intern at Huntley Meadows Park, designing the Oral History database infrastructure, conducting and transcribing interviews, assisting with and developing camp activities, and re-designing the webpage. Engaging with the historic property's countless stories offers Greg the chance to hone his research and audio editing skills. As a political historian and an aspiring public radio journalist, his experience at

Huntley has already been extremely fulfilling, and he looks forward to the rest of the summer.

**Elena Bischak\***

**William & Mary**

**B.S. Biology**

Elena Bischak recently graduated from the College of William and Mary with a B.S. in biology. She has been hired as the Art-Science Intern for the next six months to help integrate the arts in an exploration of local ecology at Huntley Meadows Park. She will use my experience at the park to further her understanding of childhood education, local ecology, and the intersection between arts and science.

**Huntley Meadows Park Naturalist interns:**

**Caitlin Dove**

Caitlin graduated from an international school in Hamburg this past May. She volunteered for Huntley Meadows Park last summer and enjoyed her time so much. This summer she is a naturalist intern at Huntley Meadows Park. Caitlin plans to expand my knowledge on childhood development and education using this experience.

**Megan Massa**

**William & Mary**

**Biology and Environmental Science**

Megan is a junior at the College of William and Mary, where she studies biology and environmental science. She is a Naturalist Intern at Huntley Meadows Park. She is a passionate artist who loves to paint nature, particularly birds. Through her time at Huntley Meadows, she is learning more about naturalism and teaching the public about the natural world. She hopes to use these techniques as a field biologist, but is also considering the world of park naturalism.

**Courtney Check**

**William and Mary**

**Biology Major**

Courtney is a rising sophomore at The College of William and Mary. She is majoring in biology and hopes to be a wildlife biologist. She is a naturalist intern at Huntley Meadows Park. She enjoys working at Huntley Meadows and believes this experience has helped her immensely in learning how to explain the natural world to an audience and excite young minds about the outdoors. She also appreciates the opportunity to encounter and identify the various species present in the park on a daily basis. It is her belief that studying wildlife, especially native species, and interpreting it for others through presentations and camper interactions will aid her greatly in studying nature and interpreting it for others in her future career.

### *Natural Resource Management Branch 2016 Interns*

#### **Murjan Hammad**

#### **Virginia Tech**

#### **Wildlife Conservation Studies**

Murjan is a Natural Resources intern with the Resource Management Division. He is a rising senior at Virginia Tech where he studies Wildlife Conservation. He is from Fairfax County and has spent a lot of time in the woods growing up and as a result has a deep-seated hatred for invasive plants. Murjan is part of the two-intern team gathering data for the Non-native Invasive Assessment and Prioritization (NNIAP) program. Over the course of the internship Murjan hopes to gain experience conducting fieldwork and learning more about how actual natural resource management is conducted.

#### **Nick Sheehan**

#### **University of Delaware**

#### **Wildlife Conservation Degree**

Nick is a Natural Resources intern with the Resource Management Division. He is a recent graduate from the University of Delaware where he studied Wildlife Conservation. He currently lives in Maryland, but spent most of his life in Fairfax County. Nick will be spending the summer conducting Non-Native Invasive Plant Assessments. He is very excited to spend time outdoors and gain experience in the field.

### *Resource Management Division 2016 Interns*

#### **Lauren Rhodes\***

#### **Oberlin College '17**

#### **Environmental Studies**

Lauren is a rising senior at Oberlin College in Ohio, and an intern this summer with the Fairfax County Park Authority in the Resource Management Division, both as an Education, Outreach, and Social Media intern, and with Energy Management. Her permanent home is in Fairfax County, so this is a great opportunity for her to learn more about the county parks. Both of these internships relate to her academic focus of Environmental Communication Methods, which includes effective messaging to the public, learning about how people interact with their environments, and encouraging positive behavior. For Education, Outreach, and Social Media, she is helping develop educational materials for a project on preventing park encroachment, including a brochure. Lauren is also volunteering at events, attending meetings, and helping generate social media content. With Energy Management, she is inputting information from water bills into a database and learning how keeping track of spending records for individual facilities can be used to generate projects that will save energy and money, as well as identify irregularities that could be issues in a system. Lauren is enjoying working with FCPA and looks forward to the rest of the summer here!

#### **Claire Jeter\***

**Roger Williams University**  
**Historic Preservation Major**

Claire is a Historic Preservation Major at Roger Williams University with minors in History and Art and Architectural History. She is a resident of Fairfax, Virginia, and is thrilled to be working in her community on projects like the John C. and Margaret K. White Horticultural Park Historic Inventory Nomination. This summer Claire is working with Denice Dressel under the Resident Curator Project. As a Historic Preservation major this internship has allowed her to have hands on experience with historic inventory nominations and artifact conservation. She has been able to work with people that have years of experience in the field she wishes to enter, and this has allowed her the opportunity to really dive into the experience. Claire is excited to learn more about the different historic sites and about the community she lives in.

**Planning & Development 2016 Interns**

**Sayed Waqar Shah\***

**Virginia Tech**

**B.S., Environmental Resources Management**

**Sustainable Urban Planning, Master's Program, GW University**

Waqar earned his B.S. in Environmental Resources Management from Virginia Tech in 2013 and is now pursuing a master's degree in Sustainable Urban Planning from the George Washington University. Prior to this summer, he was a Utility Hazard Planner on a contract with PEPCO. He also worked on establishing an updated Forest Conservation Plan at the National Institutes of Health Bethesda campus and delineated wetland sites in Prince Georges County, Maryland. Waqar will be working with the park planning branch on development plan and stormwater project reviews and on a GIS project to update the parks master plan database. He enjoys kayaking at local lakes, riding his bike on the Rock Creek Trail, and birding and photographing natural wonders along the Appalachian Trail.

**Zachary Bopp\***

**University of Arizona**

**Urban Planning**

Zack is an Urban Planning student at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. His goal is to work on planning projects that make cities and neighborhoods sustainable. Last summer he worked as a Planning intern for the City of Calabasas, CA where he worked to identify all developable and undevelopable open space along significant ridgelines. Previously he worked as an intern for the Environmental Protection Agency and at a Community Supported Agriculture cooperative. Zack will be working with the park planning branch on development plan reviews, master plan public outreach efforts, and writing 2232 applications for Planning Commission approval of park plans. Having spent a large part of his childhood in Fairfax, Zack appreciates the beautiful landscape that makes Fairfax and surrounding areas unique and special.

**Yun Xin\***

**B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Hong Kong**

**City and Regional Planning Graduate Student, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill**

Yun is a first year graduate student in City and Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Hong Kong. Yun's career goal is to work towards making cities more livable for everyone and to relieve regional inequity through sustainable development. Yun's prior internships include work as an engineering intern in Shanghai preparing structural drawings with AutoCAD and as a university library assistant. Yun will be working with the park planning branch on development plan and stormwater project reviews and with the project management branch on creating trail maps for trail signs using GIS. In her free time, Yun enjoys reading, hiking along trails, and listening to Chinese Opera.

**Riverbend 2016 Interns**

Riverbend has four paid summer interns this year helping out with summer camps. At the beginning of the summer, they help teachers with the children in camp and by the end of the summer, they will be lesson planning and leading their own activities in camp.

**Claire Sutton\***

**Virginia Tech**

Claire is an intern at Riverbend Park in the summer of 2016. She currently is Political Science major at Virginia Tech. She heard about the internship through her sister who is a naturalist at the park.

**Kali Hawkins**

**Virginia Tech**

**Chemistry Major**

Kali is a rising senior at Virginia Tech. She is aiming to achieve a BA in Chemistry for her undergrad. She is very involved on VT's campus. She is in two organizations: Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity. Within both organizations, along with participating in philanthropy events, she has also made great connections with the other members. That is in fact how she heard about this opportunity. Her sorority sister Claire Sutton had posted about the job in one of our Facebook pages. As Claire read the description of the job, she realized it was right up her alley. Although chemistry wasn't one of the fields listed, during my interview with Rita and Natalie, they mentioned a water testing project that struck my interest. She has enjoyed her time here so far and getting to know all of the wonderful staff members.

**Emily Meehan**  
**William & Mary**  
**Geology & Marine Science**

Emily is a rising senior at The College of William and Mary and is studying Geology and Marine Science. Her love of the outdoors brought her to this job. She is from McLean, Virginia, and spends a lot of time walking her dog here at Riverbend. Because she was here so frequently she saw an ad for the summer intern position and applied. It's exciting to be able to work at a park I am so familiar with and that is so close to home!

**Anna Bishop\***  
**SUNY-ESF, State College of New York**  
**Environmental Science Major**

Anna lives in Alexandria, Virginia, and will be starting her third year of college this fall at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, also known as SUNY-ESF, in Syracuse, New York. She is majoring in Environmental Science as well as a member of the Mighty Oaks Women's Soccer team. This summer she is an intern at Riverbend Park, and found this internship online on the Fairfax County Park Authority webpage.

**Sully Historic Site 2016 Interns**

**For the Margaret C. Peck High School Youth Internship at Sully Historic Site:  
Interns selected for 2016:**

The internship will focus on the following:

- Working on public speaking skills and giving public tours (1 and 2 hour tours of the historic main house and outbuildings)
- Opening and closing security procedures,
- Working with children's groups and history camps,
- Running Dairy days – families learn to make butter and ice cream
- Administrative projects and research

**High School Interns:**

**Rising Seniors- interns through the Margaret C. Peck Youth Internship program  
funded by the Sully Foundation, Ltd.**

**Maya Hossain**

Maya is currently a junior at Westfield High School. She hopes to channel her passion for history into Sully Historic Site's Margaret C. Peck Youth Internship in a fun and productive way. Her work and historical experience includes being a member of her school's History Honor Society and extensive political campaign work.

**Daniel Park**

Daniel is a rising senior at Westfield High School who has a passionate interest in history and government. In past summers, he has interned at the Fairfax County Democratic Committee and attended the Virginia Latin Governor's Academy. This year, he will participate in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Legislative Tour and American Legion's Boys State.

A desire to study and share local history led Daniel to intern at Sully Historic Site. He believes that Sully is a microcosm of the development of Fairfax County and that local visitors can learn about the effects of state and national affairs on the Sully estate. Through this internship, he hopes to guide visitors on tours, help out at community events, and most important, learn the detailed history of Sully.

### **William Brandon Milner**

William has lived in Fairfax County his whole life. He is a rising senior at Westfield High School, with plans for majoring in history in college. He is honored to have been selected as one of the Margaret C. Peck Youth Interns. He has loved history since he was a kid, from engaging in Colonial Day assignments at his elementary school to participating in the NHD assignments in high school.

### **Leadership Fairfax Intern:**

#### **Beth Dickman**

Beth is a rising senior at Chantilly High School. She was interested in the *Leadership Fairfax* internship and is pleased to be at Sully Historic Site so she can become more familiar with different programs and parks in Fairfax County and what they have to offer. Beth hopes to learn the everyday operations of running a historic site, including administration, opening & closing the buildings, doing gardening and giving house tours. She is extremely excited to be an intern and can't wait to see what the next day holds. She is interested in studying athletic training and hopes this internship will help her learn how to communicate better and work with others on a daily basis.

### **Sully College Intern:**

#### **College Intern - Funded by the Sully Foundation, Ltd.**

#### **Caleb Koluder**

#### **George Mason University**

#### **Applied History Master's Program**

Caleb is currently enrolled in the Master's program for Applied History at George Mason University after having graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor's degree in Public History in 2014. Though his main area of focus is early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Labor and Social history, he enjoys studying all periods of history and feels that his internship at Sully will help him better understand the Early American Republic period of U.S. history.

During his undergraduate career at James Madison University, Caleb completed an internship with the Virginia Museum of the Civil War in New Market, Virginia, which piqued his interest in working at both battlefields and historic sites. As the college intern at Sully Historic Site for the summer of 2016, Caleb will be giving both house tours and Forgotten Road Tours to visitors as well as learning about, and helping with, special events and day-to-day operations that are necessary to keep a site such as Sully running smoothly. He hopes that this internship will build upon what he learned during his previous internship and prepare him for a future career working at historic sites.

### **Public Information Office 2016 Intern**

**Carter King\***

**George Mason University**

**Marketing Major**

Carter is a sophomore at George Mason University. She is majoring in marketing to bring attention and awareness to social justice issues in an innovative way. She wants to be able to use my creativity and energy at organizations that help support people of color, people with learning or mental disabilities and women. In the school of business at Mason students are introduced to ideas and concepts of business that not just on making the most money possible but helping society as well. This internship with the Fairfax County Park Authority will help her to get a real world understanding of how to write, interact and focus my efforts towards a positive goal. At the Park Authority she can work on writing for a professional purpose, gain an understanding of government procedures and hone my marketing skills. Not only is this a great opportunity to sharpen her skills but it is a great step to opening more doors in the marketing field.

**Evan Chase\***

**Lake Braddock Secondary School**

This summer Evan has been given the opportunity to intern at the Park Authority office through the Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program. The Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program teaches high school students like himself about Fairfax County, and culminates with an internship in one of its branches. Having completed the education portion of the program, he is ready to get hands on experience. As a rising senior at Lake Braddock High School, he has begun to figure out what he wants out of college, work, and his life ahead. On one hand, he excels in the STEM field and plans to major in mechanical engineering in college. On the other hand, he enjoys being outdoors, meaning he runs, hikes, or kayaks nearly every day. He is very familiar with many of Fairfax County's parks. Because of this, an internship with the Park Authority Office suits him very well. This internship gives Evan the opportunity to combine his two passions. The office provides an environment in which he can work with technology and still be closely connected with the outdoors. Although, he will only be staying three weeks, he is beyond excited to work here.

### **Park Authority Foundation 2016 Intern**

**Kelsey Blystone\***

**Penn State University**

**Health Policy & Administration**

Kelsey is a rising senior at the Pennsylvania State University where she is studying Health Policy and Administration. A native to the area with a passion for non-profit work led her to be the developmental intern for the Fairfax County Park Foundation. She will be focusing on completing five key projects: capturing defined outcome measurements and anecdotal evidence from program beneficiaries, assessing the levels of healthy food options in 9 Fairfax County RECenters, assisting with the planning of FCPF Board and Committee meetings, securing quotes from select sponsors regarding the value of partnerships with FCPA programs, and participating with the 68th Annual 4-H Fair team at Frying Pan Farm Park and assisting with the planning and execution of this event.

### **Hidden Pond 2016 Interns**

**Matt Baker**

**William & Mary**

**Biology & Environmental Science Studies**

Matt Baker has been associated with Hidden Pond for the last 7 to 8 years. He was a Pohick Ranger attendee in his youth. As a Volunteer he logged over 1,000 hours. During his high school years he was on the winning Envirothon team. (1<sup>st</sup> place in 2013 and 2015 – State of VA). His picture has been featured on many fliers and other marketing material.

Matt Baker graduated from Woodson High School in June 2015 and attends William & Mary Majoring in Biology and Minor in Environmental Science. He is interning this summer under the William & Mary, Noyce Summer Fellowship Program. This program provides opportunities for students to get experience in educating or research. He was the co-leader on the Nature Quest camp and assists the camp leaders on the other camps through August 5.

Royce Program link:

<http://education.wm.edu/admissions/financialaid/stem/summer/index.php> .

### **Park Services Division 2016 Interns**

**Jeremy Corn\***

**Old Dominion University**

**Park, Recreation and Tourism Studies**

Jeremy joined the Fitness and Wellness team as an intern in early May. Jeremy is a student at Old Dominion University working on a Bachelor of Science Degree in Park, Recreation and Tourism Studies. He expects to complete his graduation requirements in August 2016.

Jeremy is interested in gaining experience in park and recreation management with a special interest in fitness. His internship will include a wide scope of duties working at Herrity on special projects and special events, learning about fitness center management under the direction of RECenter Fitness Directors and attending workshops, trainings and meetings, and is currently working at South Run RECenter.

**Madeline Rico\***  
**Mount St. Mary's**  
**Sports Management Studies**

Madeline is working at Providence RECenter and began in mid-May. Madeline is a student at Mount St. Mary's and is working on her Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Management and expects to graduate in June 2017. She will be doing a comprehensive internship at Providence RECenter, learning all aspects of facility management, and programming.

Madeline hopes to obtain knowledge and skills during her internship that will help her fulfill her career goal of obtaining a position in sports team management or related field upon her graduation.

She is also a member of the cross country team and track and field team for Mount St. Mary University.

Bill Bouie stated that this was a very impressive group.

Diane added that two interns from 2015 were hired into part-time positions.

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Board Agenda Item  
July 13, 2016

**ADMINISTRATIVE – 1**

Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2016, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Approval of the minutes of the June 22, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on July 13, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the June 22, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD  
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
June 22, 2016**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

**Board Members:**

William G. Bouie, Chairman  
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair  
Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary  
Mary Cortina, Treasurer\*  
Walter Alcorn  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Maggie Godbold  
Linwood Gorham  
Faisal Khan  
Frank S. Vajda  
Anthony J. Vellucci

**Absent\*****Staff Present:**

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD  
Judy Pedersen  
Barbara Gorski  
David Bowden  
Todd Johnson  
Barbara Nugent  
Cindy Walsh  
Roberta Longworth  
Cindi Steger  
Margaret Thaxton  
Howard Albers  
Cindy McNeal

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No speakers were present.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2016, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A-1 Reappointment of Stephen C. Thormahlen to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the reappointment of Stephen C. Thormahlen to the Park Foundation Board; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent
- A-2 Appointment of Michael Gailliot to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the appointment of Michael Gailliot to the Park Foundation Board; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

- A-3 Park Foundation FY 2017 Fundraising Projects  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the list of projects for fundraising by the Park Foundation in fiscal year 2017; seconded by Messrs. Quincy and Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-4 Scope Approval – Lee District Park Family Recreation Area Phase III Development (Lee District)  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the project scope to design and construct Phase III improvements to the Family Recreation Area at Lee District Park; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-5 Scope Approval – Ashgrove to Westwood Center Drive Trail (Hunter Mill District)  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the project scope to design and permit 740 linear feet of 10’ wide asphalt trail and one stream crossing in the Old Courthouse Stream Valley near the Spring Hill Metro Station in Tysons; seconded by Messrs. Khan and Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-6 Reallocation of Bond Project Fund Balance for the Pohick Stream Valley – Liberty Bell Trail Project (Springfield District)  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the reallocation of bond project fund balance for the Pohick Stream Valley – Liberty Bell trail project; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-7 Trailside Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Central Springfield Little League (Lee District)  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request for Central Springfield Little League in the amount of \$20,000 to replace dugouts and fencing on all ball diamonds at Trailside Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-8 Adoption – Policy 307 Sponsorship  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt Policy 307 – Sponsorship; seconded by Mr. Bouie.  
  
Mr. Vellucci asked to change one work to make the policy more cohesive. Change the word ‘partnerships’ in numbered item 4. under “Policy Statement” to ‘relationships’. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

- I-1 Fairfax County Park Foundation FY 2017 Meeting Dates  
No action was necessary.

- I-2 RECenter Systemwide Feasibility Study  
No action was necessary.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to Va, Code Ann. Section 2.2-3711(7) to

- a) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly-held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (3).
- b) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1).

Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Bouie thanked Mr. Quincy for chairing the June 8 board meeting in his absence.
- Mr. Bouie stated that he was sorry to lose Grace and that she would be missed.
- Mr. Bouie congratulated and thanked staff and the board members that attended multiple planning sessions, ribbon cuttings, and such over the last three or four weeks.
- The Park Authority has an appointed position to the Tree Commission through the Board of Supervisors. Bill had asked Tony Vellucci to serve as the Park Authority representative on that board and his name will be put to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Tony has a passion for that and will do Parks great good by being there. He thanked Tony for agreeing to take the time to serve.
- The Design Museum Foundation named Clemyjontri to its Extraordinary Playscapes Exhibition Tour located in Boston June 8-September 5, 2016. Bill noted that the announcement was placed in board members mail packets.

### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- Ms. Pedersen shared a video posted on YouTube of the ribbon cutting ceremony and outdoor fitness gym at Gum Springs Community Center in the Mount Vernon District. Supervisor Dan Storck provided remarks about the partnership Parks had with the Department of

Neighborhood and Community Services. Mr. Kincannon thanked Mr. Bowden and his staff, Ms. Baldwin and her team, and Ms. Pedersen for putting together the event.

Mr. Kincannon stated this was great partnership between various funders including; NCS, FCPA and Greenfields Outdoor Fitness who provided grant funds.

- On June 21 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized a transportation, parks, and human services bond referendums for this fall's election.

This action allows the county to petition the Circuit Court to order the referendums. It will be on the November 8, 2016, general election ballot if ordered. Under state law, the county must petition the court to put the referendum on the ballot.

Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote "yes" or "no" on these three bond questions totaling \$312 million.

If approved, the money is intended to provide:

- o \$120 million to help pay for the county's share to Metro's capital improvement program that includes safety and system maintenance projects, new rail cars and power upgrades for running eight car trains, additional buses for operating Priority Corridor Networks, and rail station improvements to increase the capacity of the system's infrastructure.
- o \$107 million to fund priority needs identified in the county Park Authority's needs assessment (\$94.7 million) and sustain the county's capital contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority for another four years (\$12.3 million).
- o \$85 million to replace the Sully Senior Center and a new Lorton Community Center (\$37 million) and renovate, expand or replace the Patrick Henry, Embry Rucker, Eleanor Kennedy, and Bailey's emergency shelters (\$48 million).
- In order to fulfill a long-term goal of providing a healthy and positive place for its residents to enjoy the quality of life and to contribute to the sustainable development of Chung-cheong-nam-do province, a Korean delegation met with Sara Baldwin and me and representatives from NCS this morning. The delegation came to the US to benchmark the programs that are offered at the county level and to conduct some site visits of some sports facilities. Their next visit is to Niagra in New York. Parks' presentation was well-received. He thanked Sara for putting the presentation together.
- Ellanor C. Lawrence Park and its staff members Jim Dewing & John Shafer, have been recognized as the 2016 Employer of the Year by the Virginia Division on Career Development and Transition. The award recognizes a business or corporation that has promoted and provided the enhancement and employment of individuals with

exceptionalities in order to promote and support their full participation in the community. ECL park staff has facilitated nearly 6,800 hours of onsite learning opportunities to over 200 students with disabilities. In particular, Naturalist Jim Dewing, or “Ranger Jim,” was cited for his work during the past five years partnering with a Special Education Elective, Landscape and Design. He helped develop a curriculum that incorporates Work Based Learning as well as park history, horticulture, and landscape design and maintenance. The Employer of the Year Award was presented at the I’m Determined Student and Parent Summit on June 17 at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Jim Dewing will be accepting the award for the park.

- The Park Authority received seven awards at the annual National Association of Government Communicators Conference two weeks ago in Washington, DC. Four of them were first place awards, and Promotional Services had a hand in five of the seven awards.

Promotional Service’s Karen Thayer was honored with a First Place Award for an article in Parktakes Magazine entitled, “1963 Record-Setting Swim Team Shapes Up for Old Times’ Sake.” In addition, Thayer received a second place award for her writer’s portfolio.

Great Parks-Great Communities: FY2015 Strategic Plan Report also won a First Place award, and he congratulated Joanne Kearney, Cindy Fortuno, and Sara Baldwin, who worked diligently on that project.

Communicators from the Public Information Office, Production Services and Resource Management Division partnered to take home first place honors in the Shoestring Budget category for the Park Authority’s “65 Years of Making Parks Count” anniversary celebration. Among those receiving that honor were PIO staff, including Judy Pedersen, Anne Cissel, Mary Nelms, and Carol Ochs.

RMD’s Dave Ochs received a first place award for a web article entitled, “Riverbend Park’s Adapted Kayaking Program.”

Helping Our Land Heal, a brochure explaining a pilot ecological restoration project, won second-place honors in the category of brochures/booklets.

Rec-PAC’s K-12 Educational Program, Be a Buddy Not a Bully, received an Award of Excellence.

The Park Authority’s seven honors were third-most awards presented to any government agency in the nation, and we received seven of the 40 awards that were presented to county agencies.

- The Sully Antique Car Show was another great success with the largest number of show cars in recent history and our second highest revenue in the past 15 years! The beautiful weather and low humidity allowed the owners of nearly 400 classic and antique cars to show them at their best. Just under 3,400 paid visitors spent a wonderful day looking at cars, listening to music, shopping in the flea market and enjoying funnel cake, ice cream, sizzling treats from the grill and fresh squeezed lemonade. The Model A Ford Club presented retiring show coordinator, Barbara Ziman, with a hand drawn picture of the historic buildings with Model A Fords in the foreground, commemorating the excellent relationship enjoyed by the club and Fairfax County Park Authority.
- Fireworks, food, and family fun are on tap for this year's July 4th Festival at Lake Fairfax Park.

Thousands of guests are expected to show for a day of activities including

- Splashing into the Water Mine
- Carousel rides, pedal boat rides, tour boat excursions and a puppet show at 3:30 p.m.
- A picnic lunch or dinner – bring your own or buy from vendors
- Listen to rockabilly, blues, soul, and classics from the 50s to the 70s as performed by The Hard To Tell Band from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- And of course – FIREWORKS at 9:15 p.m.!

The event itself is free, but we'll be charging a parking fee of \$5 per car this year. Spectators that walk or cycle will not be charged.

- It's officially summer time and Park has begun in earnest to prepare for more than 31,000 children to attend camps totaling more than 1800 weeks of camps during the summer. Our vendor partners provide valuable camp offerings and we are excited to watch them grow with us. By the end of June Parks will have trained more than 500 staffers who will provide programs for children throughout Fairfax County. Many locations provide extended care which aids working parents. Through the generosity of the Park Foundation close to 50 children who are in transitional housing will have a summer of fun unlike they have ever had before. More than 40 school sites will host our very popular RecPAC program which begins the first week in July. The Water Mine is becoming a favorite again among the tweens and teens and our pass holders has seen an increase and for the first time we worked with CertifiKid and provided a method to gain access to the Water Mine through their marketing efforts.
- The boardroom will be undergoing some renovations so please make a note that the board and committee meetings scheduled for July 13 will take place in rooms 106/107 on the first floor. Along with the renovations, the boardroom will be repainted.

Mr. Bouie noted that he had three comments to add:

- He congratulated Mr. Thompson for his appointment to the Board of Directors of Visit Fairfax.
- He has been named to the Board of Directors for Leadership Fairfax.
- He and staff will be presenting a read-out of the Needs Assessment to Congressman Gerry Connolly and his staff next week.

He added that if there are others that would like a presentation, they can be accommodated.

#### **BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Khan had nothing to report.
- Mr. Gorham thanked Judy Pedersen, her staff, and all those that helped with the two ribbon cuttings on Saturday, June 18.
- Mr. Batten had nothing to report.
- Ms. Godbold announced that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, for Ellanor C. Lawrence Master Plan Revision at the Sully Government Center Community Room, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, in Chantilly.

Ms. Godbold will be meeting with Mr. Gary Flathers to try to get him to join the Green Team.

- Mr. Vajda had nothing to report.
- Mr. Vellucci thanked Ms. Walsh for the Encroachment Education presented by Tammy Schwab at the Resource Management Committee meeting.

Very apropos, there was a kidnapping at Royal Lake Park, actually a mute swan-napping. Someone came onto park property and took the mute swan. Cindy Walsh indicated that staff had nothing to substantiate the relocation of the swan, but expect that it was a rehabilitative effort.

In the end the mute swan no longer resides in Royal Lake, which brings the mute swan population in Virginia to 307.

The issue of encroachment is alive and well. Tony continued that we need to realize that there is not an awareness that it is public property or under Parks stewardship. People cannot go onto park property and do whatever they want to do.

- Mr. Alcorn had nothing to report.
- Ms. Cortina was absent.
- Mr. Thompson, Springfield District, thanked Mr. Kincannon and Ms. Baldwin for figuring out that there was a weather station put up on park property.
- Mr. Quincy noted that a public meeting was held concerning the DPWES/FCPA joint effort to do some stormwater work in Nottoway Park. It was a very successful meeting. There was a fair turnout and we received some good comments. It again pointed out the need to fix what we have. There is some severe erosion in Nottoway Park and other parks as well.

Following Mr. Vellucci's comments, DPWES has found a lot of dumping, more than we had thought. They found roping materials, hardware, auto parts, and grass. It's happening not only with homeowners, but also with commercial entities.

Mr. Quincy appreciated the update on the encroachment education and hopes that the commercial arena is included.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:02 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to enter into closed session to

- a) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly-held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (3).
- b) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1).

Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Thompson made a motion to certify that the Board, to the best of its knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which closed session was convened were

heard, discussed, or considered by the Board during the closed session; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

**ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

C-1 Adding Property Located in the Sully District to the Workplan

Ms. Godbold made a motion to add property located in the Sully District to the Workplan as discussed in closed session; seconded by Messrs. Thompson and Batten. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

C-2 Park Authority Director’s Performance Evaluation

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the director’s performance evaluation; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 8:30 p.m.

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Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

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Board Agenda Item  
July 17, 2016

**ACTION – 1**

Naming of Child Care Room at Oak Marr RECenter in Honor of Kathleen Cahill  
(Providence District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the naming of the child care room at Oak Marr RECenter in honor of Kathleen Cahill, as presented to and reviewed by the Park Services and Golf Committee on July 13, 2016.

**ACTION – 2**

FY 2018 Proposed Budget Requests – Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends submission of FY 2018 Proposed Budget Requests for Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund, as presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on July 13, 2016.

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Board Agenda Item  
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**INFORMATION – 1**

Resident Curator Program Update

As presented to and reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on June 22, 2016.

**INFORMATION – 2**

Strategic Plan Goal – Encroachment Education Update

As presented to and reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on June 22, 2016.

**INFORMATION – 3**

FY 2016 Changes to the Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on July 13, 2016.